



SPIRITUS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK OF JANUARY 23RD, 2025

NEXT GATHERING SUNDAY 1/19

SPIRITUS COMMUNITY GATHERING

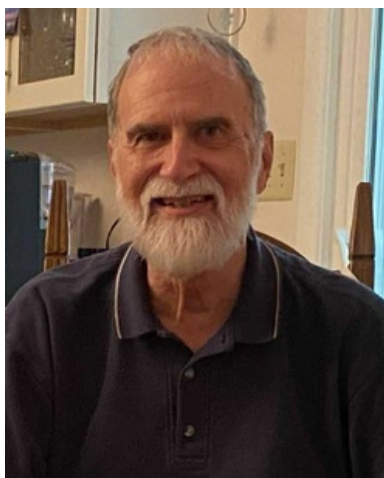
SUNDAY 2/2

MEETING BEGINS AT 3:00PM

MADELEINE ROOM

FUNERAL MASS FOR DAVID MERRELLI TOMORROW JANUARY 23RD

Please join our community
to celebrate the life of David Merrelli.



Friday January 24th at Queen of Apostles Chapel
Visitation is from 10-11 am
Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 am

Live streaming for the mass can be found at
<https://youtube.com/live/BYLLAHatkLE>

<https://www.newcomerdayton.com/obituaries/david-merrelli>
Luncheon following interment at Chaminade Center in the Madeleine room.

If you are helping with hospitality, set-up begins at 10:15 in the Madeleine Room.
If you are able to stay and help clean-up we would greatly appreciate your help.

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PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

For all those in our community, those that we love, those who are alone, those who are grieving, those in war torn areas, those without anyone to pray for them and anyone else in need of loving support, prayer, or comfort.

Please send prayers for all those in our community who are sick, or injured.

May their healing be swift and they know that we are praying for them daily.

For all our vowed and lay Marianists who are experiencing illness and hardship, may they know we are carrying them in our hearts.

Especially for Bro. Joe Barrish who passed away this week. May we all remember him for the kindness and compassion and art he shared with us in this world.

Loving God,
we bring before you the ongoing struggles of this world.
We ask for your enduring strength and grace to sustain us in our journey together in this life.
Grant us all the patience and faith that we can accept as we navigate this difficult path.
Let our eyes be open to the beauty and wonder of our days.
Please help us to use this experience we call life to draw us closer to you,
to have better understanding of you,
and to deepen our trust in you.

May the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary
Amen



POEM FOR OUR COMMUNITY'S 1ST ANNIVERSARY
ONE YEAR...ONE COMMUNITY
BY STEVE GUILFOOS

Dear Father, we pray in thanks

... whew ... made it ... one year
... one crazy year
... one hard year
... one year wandering
... but who has the map?

Dear Father, we pray in thanks

We came searching
Sure of what we wanted
But unsure of where to find it
We thought we knew
... And then we grew

Dear Father, we pray in thanks

We are still searching
But with your continued guidance
And the hand of your smiling
Caring, loving Mother Mary
We will continue to grow forward
In your service ... as one community

We continue "to proclaim our willingness
To build a community of love
And to be the holy people
You call us to be..."



Full of Grace Ministries Game Day

Full of Grace Ministry (FGM), which is one of the Urban Solidarity Initiatives of the Dayton Marianist Family Council, is setting up game days (Bingo) for the people who typically come to the Food for the Journey Project (FJP) meals served on Tuesdays at Our Lady of Grace Parish - Corpus Christi campus.

This is an outreach for the residents of the Five Oaks area of West Dayton.

FGM are seeking volunteers from our Lay Ministry communities to join in the fun by helping out on the second Wednesday, every other month, from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Volunteers are needed to set up, help with simple food prep for refreshments and have fun helping with the Bingo games, then help with clean up.

This will be in the Madonna Room at Our Lady of Grace Parish - Corpus Christi campus. We are planning the first game day March 12, with further details coming soon.

If you have an interest in helping, please contact Cathy Adler, cathy.adler@att.net. We could set up carpooling too!

This is a lovely article featuring Don Bigler.
It is a wonderful look into how the whole of
Dayton felt about him.
[CLICK HERE TO READ](#)



COMMUNITY INFO

Spiritus Gathering Setup...Please Sign Up: A scheduling tool that allows us to plan for volunteers who can help with the setup and/or serving as greeters for our Spiritus gatherings has been in place for quite a while, but is not being utilized. Knowing in advance who can help with the setup, alleviates any concern that we won't have enough volunteers to help. By clicking the link below or using the QR code provided, you can easily sign up for a future gathering, which will also send a reminder to you in advance of that gathering. If you need any help with the scheduling, please contact Linda Skinner at scheduling@spiritus-mlc.org. Thank you so much for your help!



To my SPIRITUS Community. I have a request for a Loveseat and or armchair. Although, I am no longer teaching I still help the families in need within my group. I gave them a reclining sofa, but they can use a loveseat and an armchair. Or just one of those. Most of you who have donated to my past Dayton Public Schools families know they are grateful for whatever they receive. Please let me know through email at meryrivera@yahoo.com as my Cell has been giving me problems for a while.

Maria Rivera



UPCOMING SPIRITUS EVENTS

- January 24th - Funeral Mass for David Merrelli, 11am Queen of Apostles Chapel
- January 25th - Dayton Area Marianist Founder's Day Mass, 4PM, Queen of Apostles Chapel (Saturday), Reception to follow at the Bergamo Center
- January 28th - Funeral Mass for Brother Joe Barrish at 4:15pm
- February 2nd - Spiritus Prayer Gathering, 3PM, Madeline Room.
- February 16th - Spiritus Prayer Gathering, 3PM, Madeline Room.

REMOTE VIEWING

Check the website (link at bottom of each page) for link to remote viewing for Sunday.

Funeral Mass for David Merrelli

<https://youtube.com/live/BYLLAHatkLE>

If you are interested in being trained to stream meetings, please see Kevin Skinner or send inquiries to contact@spiritus-mlc.org
To rewatch all past meetings click on the link for our website at the bottom of the page.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER

We are in need of volunteers to help deliver the donations to St. Vincents while Chris Bohmer Stewart is healing and unable to drive. You can let us know what dates you are able to help out via email or in person on Sunday. Please reach out to Chris with any questions. Thanks in advance for your time and help.

ST. VINCENT'S

Our Dayton-area St Vincent Needs:

FOOD: Cereal, items for sack lunches, and #10 cans of food
CLOTHING: As always they need new underwear and socks, hygiene items, and gently used clothing, shoes, and linens.

With the weather getting colder, warm clothing is always welcome.

Thank you!

SPIRITUS CONTACT UPDATES

If there is anyone who is seriously ill or facing a significant surgery or procedure the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is available.

You can call the Spiritus office and leave a message if it is something that can be scheduled in advance, or if more time sensitive, you can reach out to Fr. Tom. His telephone number is 937-903-0943.

Also if anyone needs to receive Eucharist at home please notify Linda Folmar at Linda_folmar@sbcglobal.net.

If you need to change any contact information, please let us know by responding to this email



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MARIANIST LAY COMMUNITY OF NORTH AMERICA - <https://www.mlcna.org>

MARIANIST ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER - <https://meec.center>

NORTH AMERICAN CENTER FOR MARIANIST STUDIES -

<https://www.nacms.org>

MARIANIST
FOUNDERS DAY MASS

January 25 at 4:00 pm in Queen of Apostles Chapel
4435 E. Patterson Rd, Dayton, OH 45430

Following Mass will be a reception in Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning



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